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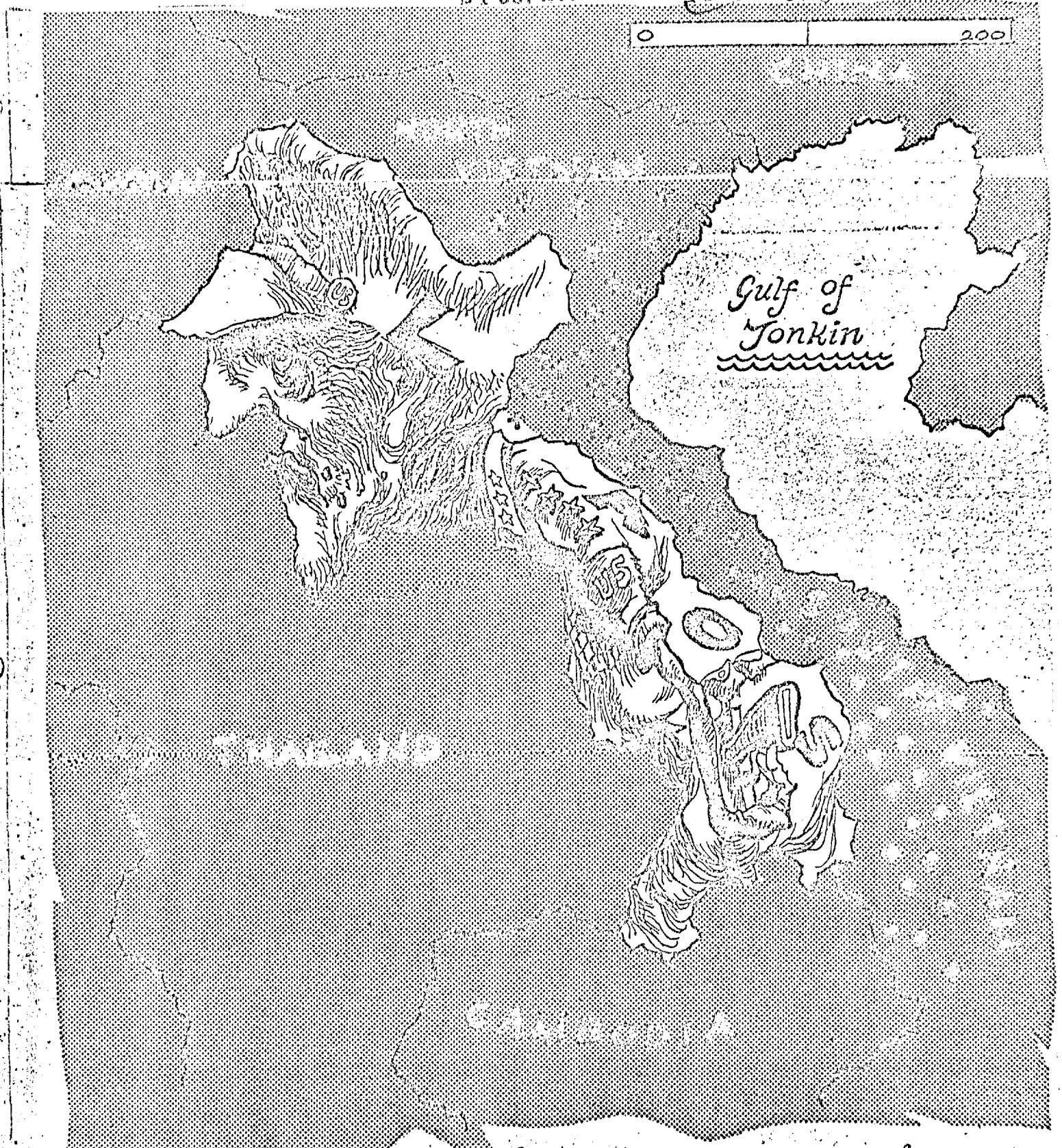

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U.S.-backed Laos brass use torture

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VIENTIANE, LAOS, Oct. 19 — The two main leaders of the U.S.-supported "Royal Lao" armed forces admitted here today that they regularly use methods of torture against captured members of the Pathet Lao (Laotian Patriotic Front).

General Vang Pao, a Meo tribal leader and head of the 15,000 or so CIA-led and equipped forces in northern Laos, showed newsmen Pathet Lao prisoners who had been beaten, given electric shocks, and denied water until they talked. Gen. Kouprasith Abhay, who commands